Vocabulary Challenge

See if you can determine the meaning of words using context clues. Insert words from Part A into the correct sentences in Part B.

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| ***wicked*** | ***thoroughly*** | ***cunningly*** | ***revived*** | ***scuttled*** |
| ***cowered*** | ***gait*** | ***horrid*** | ***providence*** | ***whimpers*** |

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| His war-cry, as he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_through the long grass, was: ``Rikk-tikk-tikki-tikki-tchk!'' |
| One day, a high summer flood washed him out of the burrow where he lived with his father and mother, and carried him, kicking and clucking, down a roadside ditch. He found a little wisp of grass floating there, and clung to it till he lost his senses. When he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he was lying in the hot sun on the middle of a garden path. |
| ``H'm!'' said Rikki-tikki, ``that is very sad --- but I am a stranger here. Who is Nag?''  Darzee and his wife only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_down in the nest without answering, for from the thick grass at the foot of the bush there came a low hiss --- a (terrible) cold sound that made Rikki-tikki jump back two clear feet. Then inch by inch out of the grass rose up the head and spread hood of Nag, the big black cobra, and he was five feet long from tongue to tail. When he had lifted one-third of himself clear of the ground, he stayed balancing to and fro exactly as a dandelion-tuft balances in the wind, and he looked at Rikki-tikki with the (evil) snake's eyes that never change their expression, whatever the snake may be thinking of. |
| Rikki-tikki's eyes grew red again, and he danced up to Karait with the peculiar rocking, swaying motion that he had inherited from his family. It looks very funny, but it is so perfectly balanced a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that you can fly off from it at any angle you please; and in dealing with snakes this is an advantage. |
| He went away for a dust-bath under the castor-oil bushes, while Teddy's father beat the dead Karait. ``What is the use of that?'' thought Rikki-tikki. ``I have settled it all''; and then Teddy's mother picked him up from the dust and hugged him, crying that he had saved Teddy from death, and Teddy's father said that he was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Teddy looked on with big scared eyes. Rikki-tikki was rather amused at all the fuss, which, of course, he did not understand. Teddy's mother might just as well have petted Teddy for playing in the dust. Rikki was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enjoying himself. |
| Chuchundra is a broken-hearted little beast. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and cheeps all the night, trying to make up his mind to run into the middle of the room, but he never gets there. |
| There, in the warm litter about the melons, very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hidden, he found twenty-five eggs, about the size of a bantam's eggs, but with whitish skin instead of shell. |